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To Whom it may concern,

I would like to put forth my opinion that the proposed Microsoft Settlement does not prevent Microsoft from using its monopoly of desktop operating systems to further its ventures into other markets. The settlement does not punish microsoft for its illegal activities.

Microsoft has slowly begun its transition from a desktop PC software provider to enterprise, consumer devices and service provider company. The proposed settlement doesn't prevent Microsoft from utilizing its 95% desktop pc market share to push its monopoly into other areas such as internet services. Microsoft's .NET is such a service, which microsoft is using its latest version Windows XP to push into the market.

Microsoft has broken the law and been found guilty. Microsoft has hurt consumers by removing, the very fundamentals of a free market economy, choice. Consumers can never truly obtain fair prices for services with out competition. Microsoft has crushed competition using its power, the power of its monopoly. Many companies have gone bankrupt and many more will eventually because they cannot penetrate a Microsoft dominated market. This will eventually hurt consumers more.

I implore you to reconsider the settlement and opt for a judgement that will provide, consumers and the companies that have been hurt by Microsoft's illegal acts, justice.

Sincerely,
Arun Rao